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## GOVERNOR MUSGROVE ANNOUNCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

JACKSON, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently announced that Neshoba County has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$650,000 on behalf of Neshoba County General Hospital – Nursing Home.

The grant will be used to assist in the renovation of the nursing home's kitchen, part of infrastructure improvements for the facility's recent addition. The county has also pledge \$100,500 for the project. The renovation and addition will create an additional 55 jobs to serve the nursing home.

"The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) is proud to be able to assist communities, like Neshoba County, in the expansion of essential services and job opportunities for our citizens," commented J.C. Burns, Executive Director of MDA.

CDBG is a program of the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority. Among the division's goals are assisting communities in analyzing their strengths and weaknesses, involving their leadership in economic development, planning development strategies, strengthening development organizations, and implementing and financing community projects. The Community Services Division also administers other Economic Development grant and loan programs.

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